



**Sacramento Regional Meeting
California Biodiversity Council
October 22 & 23, 2003**

**Field Trip Agenda
Wednesday, October 22, 2003**

12:00pm **Field Trip departs from Holiday Inn, Capitol Plaza**
Box lunches will be provided for those who signed up for them. For a more enjoyable trip, wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for any kind of weather. There will be a ¼ mile walk through a vineyard at the Murphy Creek site. There will also be a little bit of walking at the Mokelumne River site and more to get to the walkways along the river at the fish hatchery.

1:00pm **Murphy Creek Dam Removal Site**
This project was initiated by private landowners to improve fish passage for spawning and rearing Salmon, to eliminate invasive species and to control erosion. The goals of this project are to improve fish habitat and water quality as well as to eliminate invasive species.

Watershed partners: Private Landowners, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, California Dept. of Fish & Game, East Bay Municipal Utilities District, San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District, Bay-Delta Authority, Dept. of Water Resources, California Conservation Corps.

Speakers: John Brodie, Watershed Coordinator, San Joaquin County RCD
Bev Sparrowk, private landowner; Steve Holmes, private landowner
Chris Lee, Department of Water Resources

2:00pm **Depart Murphy Creek**

2:15pm **Mokelumne River Restoration Site**
This project was initiated by two property owners who wanted to restore riparian areas. This Bay Delta/East Bay Municipal Utilities District project (\$860,000) is intended to improve riparian habitat for terrestrial mammals and neo-tropical songbirds. It aims to increase habitat quality and connectivity through the widening of corridors and the creation of buffer zones. Other benefits include the establishment of native trees and levee stabilization. Biologists from the Point Reyes Bird Observatory are currently monitoring songbird populations at the site.

Watershed partners: Private Landowners (Ed Craig; Brad and Randy Lange), Bay Delta Authority, East Bay Municipal Utilities District.

Speakers: John Brodie, Watershed Coordinator, San Joaquin County RCD
Kent Reeves, Wildlife Biologist, East Bay Municipal Utilities Dist.

3:00pm Depart Mokelumne River

3:15pm East Bay Municipal Utilities District Gravel Enhancement Site

This project is addressing the affects to spawning habitat by several historic gravel mines along the Mokelumne as well as the Camanche Dam. We will see Salmon spawning as a result of in-stream gravel enhancements and management. We will see the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery, owned by EBMUD and operated by the California Department of Fish and Game, which is one of the most successful salmon production facilities in California.

Watershed partners: United States Fish and Wildlife Service, California Dept. of Fish and Game, East Bay Municipal Utilities District

Speakers: Joe Merz, Fisheries Biologist, East Bay Municipal Utilities District

4:00pm **Depart Gravel Enhancement Site**

5:00pm Sloughhouse Inn

No-host Cocktails from 5:00 to 5:30pm

5:30pm **Dinner**

7:30pm Depart Sloughhouse Inn for Holiday Inn, Capitol Plaza

8:00pm **Arrive at Holiday Inn, Capitol Plaza**

